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LETTER DATED 8 JUNE 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 21-31 May 1995.

21 May 1995

1. Northern region: 25 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Zakho.

2. Southern region: 57 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Chabaish, Busayyah, Jalibah, Salman and Artawi.

3. On 21 May 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0845 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1040 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1145 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1340 hours.

22 May 1995

1. Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. At 0815 hours on 22 May 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 0950 hours.

23 May 1995

1. Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Aqrah and Ayn Zalah.

2. Southern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Chabaish, Busayyah and Artawi.

24 May 1995

1. Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 33 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Qurnah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

3. At 1045 hours on 24 May 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1215 hours.

25 May 1995

1. Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Amarah, Qurnah and Jalibah.

26 May 1995

1. Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar, Aqrah, Ayn Zalah and Zakho.

2. Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Chabaish, Shatrah, Rumaythah, Lasaf and Artawi.

3. At 0715 hours on 26 May 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres

violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 0823 hours.

27 May 1995

1. Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 33 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Salman, Chabaish and Artawi.

3. At 0935 hours on 27 May 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1005 hours.

28 May 1995

1. Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Samawah, Nasiriyah, Salman, Shanafiyah and Busayyah.

2. On 28 May 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0910 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1000 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1214 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1315 hours.

29 May 1995

1. Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, Qurnah, Shatrah, Hamzah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

2. On 29 May 1995, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0950 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1102 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1008 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1102 hours.

The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1243 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1356 hours.

30 May 1995

1. Southern region: 59 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Artawi, Jalibah, Shu'aybah and Chabaish.

2. On 30 May 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1000 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1105 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1120 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1145 hours.

31 May 1995

1. Southern region: 64 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Salman, Qurnah, Busayyah and Shanafiyah.

2. On 31 May 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0708 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 0825 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1040 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1202 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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